REMARKS

Claims 19-21 have been canceled. Claims 1-18 were indicated to be allowable. Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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